

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

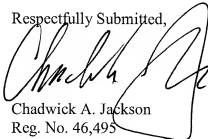
This communication is in response to the Office Action issued on December 8, 2008. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on December 24, 2008. In that interview the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed the references cited and independent claim 1. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 11 and 21. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-7, 10, 11, 13-17, 20, 21, 23-27 and 30 are now pending in this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-7, 10, 11, 13-17, 20, 21, 23-27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §1033(a) as being unpatentable over Reed (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,209) in view of Souissi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,091,959). In the Interview the Examiner pointed out that element d of claims 1, 11 and 21 as claimed in the previous listing of claims did not have to occur and in those instances when it did not occur the combination of Reed and Souissi disclosed the invention claimed by claims 1, 11 and 21. In response, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, and 21 to ensure that the feature of calculating an event time and waiting until the event time has elapsed before repeating steps a) – b) when the at least one condition is not satisfied is necessarily performed by the claims. Accordingly, claims 1, 11 and 21 are not taught by the combination of Reed and Souissi. Claims that depend on claims 1, 11 and 21, respectively, are also not taught for the reasons set forth with respect to claims 1, 11 and 21.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the

undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues. Please charge any required fee to Hanify & King, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-4545, Order No. 5231-047-US01.

Respectfully Submitted,

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